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SUBJ: ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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1. MISSION REVIEW RTG PROPOSED NEW AGREEMENT REFLECTS
FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO CURRENT AGREEMENT.

A. AGREEMENT IS LIMITED TO GRANT ASSISTANCE.

B. FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE USOM AS DISTINCT ENTITY
TO DISCHARGE USG'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER AGREEMENT.

C. NUMBER OF QUOTE TECHNICAL SUPPORTING STAFF
UNQUOTE SUBJECT TO RTG AGREEMENT.

D. FAILURE TO PROVIDE USOM MEMBERS WITH PRIVILEGES
AND IMMUNITIES ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC MISSION PERSONNEL OF
COMPARABLE RANK.

E. OMISSION OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT PER FA ACT,
SECTION 609.

F. FAILURE TO PROVIDE FOR USG ACCESS TO AND OBSERVA-
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TION OF AID ACTIVITIES.

2. MISSION VIEWS RE FOREGOING:

A. BILATERAL SHOULD ALSO COVER LOAN ASSISTANCE.

B. SPECIFIC RECOGNITION OF USOM DESIRABLE BUT NOT ESSENTIAL. AS ALTERNATIVE, CONDUCT OF USOM BUSINESS COULD BE UNDER AEGIS OF EMBASSY.

C. RTG RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO LIMIT NUMBER OF USOM STAFF COULD CONCEIVABLY HAMPER OPERATIONS BUT WE BELIEVE PROBLEM IS MANAGEABLE.

D. ALL AID PERSONNEL IN THAILAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF AID PROGRAM SHOULD HAVE PRIVILEGES/IMMUNITIES OF COMPARABLE RANK EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

E. PROVISION FOR SPECIAL ACCOUNT NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED SINCE WE DO NOT FORESEE SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE TYPE FUNDS IN FUTURE THAILAND PROGRAMS. FURTHER, CURRENT/PROJECTED PROGRAM IN THAILAND DOES NOT INCLUDE GRANT FINANCING OF COMMODITIES GENERATING LOCAL CURRENCY. HOWEVER, IF CURRENT SPECIAL ACCOUNT IS NOT CARRIED FORWARD OR RECOGNIZED IN NEW BILATERAL, FINAL ACCOUNTING AND SETTLEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

F. RIGHT OF OBSERVATION, REVIEW, AND EVALUATION ESSENTIAL.

G. IN ADDITION, FOREGOING, DETAILS AND SPECIFICS OF RTG LOCAL CURRENCY SUPPORT IN PROPOSED ANNEX IS INAPPROPRIATE IN DIPLOMATIC LEVEL DOCUMENT. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS BETTER AND MORE FLEXIBLY HANDLED IN OPERATING LEVEL AGREEMENT, E.G. TRUST FUND AGREEMENT.

3. NOT CLEAR HERE WHETHER PROPOSED REVISION TO REVISE BILATERAL REFLECTS SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS OF RTG OR MERELY EFFORT OF RETIRING GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR DECKS OF OLD BUSINESS BEFORE NEW GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER. WE SUSPECT PRIMARY MOTIVATION IS THE LATTER. FURTHER, IT UNLIKELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIGH LEVEL RTG ATTENTION COULD BE GIVEN THIS MATTER IN NEAR FUTURE OR UNTIL NEW GOVERNMENT IN PLACE AND OTHER HIGHER PRIORITY PROBLEMS ADDRESSED. NEVERTHELESS, WE WISH TO MAKE SOME RESPONSE BEFORE RTG FOLLOW UP.

4. IN OUR VIEW RTG PROPOSED REVISION IS POORLY DRAFTED WHICH PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR MANY OF THE OMISSIONS AND IMPRECISIONS WE HAVE NOTED ABOVE. WE BELIEVE MOST

EXPEDITIOUS WAY RESOLVE PROBLEM IS TO RE-DRAFT RTG
PROPOSED REVISION AT WORKING LEVEL HERE TO INCLUDE ESSENTIAL
USG REQUIREMENTS.
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